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Cousins Stacy Levine, left, and Melissa Bragg shop at the Toys “R” Us store in Atlanta on Black Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. The store opened on Thanksgiving Day, and stayed open all night.
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France honors attack victims in city subdued by mourning



French President Francois Hollande delivers his speech during a ceremony to honor the 130 victims killed in the Nov. 13 attacks, in the courtyard of the Invalides in Paris, Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. A subdued France paid homage Friday to those killed two weeks ago in the attacks that gripped Paris in fear and mourning.

(Philippe Wojazer/Pool Photo via AP)

LORI HINNANT
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A subdued France paid homage Friday to those killed two weeks ago in the attacks that gripped Paris in fear and mourning, honoring each of the 130 dead by name as the president pledged to “destroy the army of fanatics” who claimed so many young lives. With each name and age

read aloud inside the Invalides national monument, the toll gained new force. Most, as French President Francois Hollande noted, were younger than 35, killed while enjoying a mild Friday night of music, food, drinks or sports. The youngest was 17. The oldest, 68.

Meanwhile, in Belgium, authorities charged a man with “terrorist attacks” as in-

vestigators worked to hone in on culprits. The federal prosecutor’s office said the man was arrested a day earlier in Brussels and was “charged with terrorist attacks and taking part in the activities of a terrorist group.” He was not identified and it was not immediately clear if he was one of two fugitives authorities have been seeking.

France’s somber homage

to the victims bespoke the horrors of Nov. 13.

Throughout Paris, French flags fluttered in windows and on buses in uncharacteristic displays of patriotism in response to Paris’ second deadly terror attack this year. But the mood was grim, and the locked-down ceremony at the Invalides national monument lacked the defiance of January, when a million people poured through the streets to honor those killed by Islamic extremist gunmen.

Hollande, who in January locked arms with world leaders in a show of global unity against terrorism, sat alone in a hard-backed chair in the cavernous Invalides courtyard, the assembled mourners behind him as victims’ names were recited.

France’s military provided the only images of Friday’s ceremony, and no one without an invitation was permitted inside.

The night of Nov. 13, three teams of suicide bombers and gunmen struck across Paris, beginning at the national stadium — where Hollande was among the spectators — and ending in the storming of the Bataclan concert venue.

In all, 130 people died and hundreds were injured. The crowd at the stadium shakily sang France’s national anthem as they filed outside that night; a military band played the Marseillaise again on Friday, lingering slightly on the refrain: “Aux armes, citoyens!”

The courtyard went silent after the reading of the names finished, broken finally by a mournful cello. Hollande stared straight ahead, before finally rising to speak.

“To all of you, I solemnly promise that France will do everything to destroy the army of fanatics who committed these crimes,” Hollande said.

The speech was dedicated above all to the dead and France’s young.

“The ordeal has scarred us all, but it will make us stronger. I have confidence in the generation to come. Generations before have also had their identity forged in the flower of youth. The attack of Nov. 13 will remain in the memory of today’s youth as a terrible initiation in the hardness of the world. But also as an invitation to combat it by creating a new commitment,” he said. □

Queen Elizabeth II opens Commonwealth meeting in Malta



Britain Queen Elizabeth II reviews the honor guard during the official welcome ceremony at St. Anton presidential palace in Valletta, Malta, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015. The 89-year-old British monarch has flown to the Mediterranean island of Malta, where she once lived as a young princess, for a summit of the Commonwealth, the post-colonial international alliance she has helped for decades to unite.

(AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

STEPHEN CALLEJA
Associated Press

VALLETTA, Malta (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II opened the Commonwealth summit Friday on the Mediterranean island of Malta — a meeting that will focus on climate change and the threat of extremist violence. The 89-year-old British monarch praised the accomplishments of the 53-nation Commonwealth and her happy associations with Malta. “Prince Philip and I first came to live here in Malta in 1949, the year the Commonwealth was founded,” she said, hailing a vast advancement in freedom and human rights in the decades since then. “I have been privileged to witness this transformation and to consider its purpose.”

The Commonwealth links

more than 2 billion people on five continents, including large countries like India, Australia and Canada and small island states like Tonga and Vanuatu.

French President Francois Hollande briefly left grief-stricken France Friday to travel to Malta to urge Commonwealth leaders to take action on climate change during the United Nations climate conference that begins in Paris Monday and will be attended by some 150 world leaders. He said that man is his own worst enemy, when it comes to both terrorism and the environment.

“We are mobilizing ourselves in favor of the environment for the planet,” he said, while expressing his fear that a deal may be blocked by a small group of countries. □

Evolving Black Friday mostly tame across America

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Black Friday, the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season, isn't always what people expect.

In Colorado, for instance, marijuana stores got into the act. In Arizona, families skipped the spending frenzy to go hiking. And in Chicago, shoppers snapped photos of demonstrators protesting the police shooting of a black teenager.

Overall, there seemed to be smaller crowds throughout stores and malls across the country.

Here's how the day played out:

NO MAD RUSH

Business was brisk but not overwhelming at a Macy's in Kansas City as rain that started Thursday morning continued falling. There didn't appear to be any lines more than a few customers deep.

Geri Spencer and her daughter left home at 4 a.m. and made their way to a Macy's store several hours later. Spencer said the crowds seemed sparser than in the past when Black Friday meant "getting out at the crack of dawn" to get the best deals.

Some Black Friday shoppers seemed to miss the holiday crowds.

At a Kmart in Denver, Susan Montoya had nearly the entire store to herself. She half-heartedly flipped through a rack of girls' holiday party dresses and looked down the store's empty aisles.

"There's no one out here! No challenge!" she said.

Lynette Norcup also is nostalgic for Black Fridays of the past.

Sitting in the warmth of her daughter's SUV waiting for Wal-Mart to open, the resident of Pleasanton, California said she thinks the excitement has fizzled with stores opening on Thanksgiving.

Norcup misses the challenge of strategizing to score deals.

CHICAGO PROTESTS

Hundreds of protesters blocked entrances to

stores in Chicago's high-end shopping district to draw attention to the police shooting of a black teenager.

The demonstration came after the release of a video this week showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald last year. The video touched off largely peaceful protests.

On Friday, some of the demonstrators in Chicago linked arms to form human chains in front of main entrances to stores.

Store employees directed shoppers to exit from side doors. When one person tried to get through the front door of Saks Fifth Avenue, protesters screamed at him, shouting, "Shut it down! Shut it down."

Entrances were also blocked at the Disney Store, the Apple Store, Nike, Tiffany & Co., and Neiman Marcus. Many shoppers seemed to take the disturbance in stride, and some even snapped photos of the crowd.

Protesters took different approaches. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, for instance, led a prayer with a group from the steps of Chicago's historic Water Tower.

WEED FRIDAY

Colorado has a new Black Friday tradition: Marijuana shops drawing shoppers with discounted weed and holiday gift sets.

At Denver Kush Club in Denver, about two dozen customers were lined up in subfreezing temperatures and snow showers to take advantage of the deals.

The first few customers got free joints, free rolling papers and a T-shirt with purchase. Medical customers were offered ounces of marijuana for \$99 — a savings of about 50 percent.

The shop blasted reggae music and welcomed the crowd with Green Friday welcome cheers. Similar deals were offered last year, the first in which retail recreational marijuana sales opened.

GREAT OUTDOORS

At Catalina State Park just north in Arizona, dozens



Linda Meehan, right, and her daughter Nicole Flodin, center, exchange greetings with a NYPD anti-terror patrol unit in Herald Square, as they carry bags from their "second round" of shopping since arriving from their home in London, England, Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in New York. "We landed last night at 7 o'clock and by half past eight we hit the shops," said Meehan. "Every year we come here and do our Christmas shopping on Black Friday."

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

of families and dogs hiked through the saguaro cactus-covered mountains. Many said they didn't plan on shopping on Black Friday anyway.

Krista Wells, of Tucson, said she wanted her daughters to understand that the holidays are about spending time with family, not shopping.

"This is about the season of bringing together and reflecting upon family and getting into the Christmas holiday. I don't think there's a retail holiday," she said.

STORES VS APP

For the first time, analysts had predicted more than half of online traffic to retailer sites would come from smartphones than desktops during the four-day Black Friday holiday shopping weekend.

On Friday, there was evidence that shoppers were vacillating between both stores and online.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s chief merchandising officer Steve Bratspies told the Associated Press that the chain saw more shoppers buying both

on its website and in its stores than the same time a year ago. Target's CEO Brian Cornell said that online sales on Thanksgiving were strong, outpacing the performance on the holiday a year ago. That's making it Target's biggest day online for sales yet, driven largely by electronics. He also was pleased with store traffic.

And J.C. Penney's CEO Marvin Ellison said that the chain worked hard to make its app more user friendly, and as a result, its online sales. □



Protesters make their way up North Michigan Avenue on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in Chicago. Community activists and labor leaders hold a demonstration billed as a "march for justice" on Black Friday in the wake of the release of video showing an officer fatally shooting Laquan McDonald.

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Mayor says Colorado Springs shooting suspect in custody



An officer stands guard near a Planned Parenthood clinic Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in Colorado Springs, Colo. A gunman opened fire at the clinic on Friday, authorities said, wounding multiple people before being taken into custody. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press
COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The mayor of Colorado Springs says the

gunman in a shooting attack at a Planned Parenthood clinic is in custody. Mayor John Suthers says he did not have any further

details. A shootout and standoff between the gunman and officers had been going on for hours Friday at the

clinic. Police say 11 people, including five officers, have been transported to area hospitals. Authorities do not have any further details on those wounded or whether there had been any fatalities in the attack. A gunman opened fire at a Colorado Planned Parenthood clinic on Friday, wounding multiple people and engaging in gun battles with police as patients and staff members ducked behind tables to hide and keep away from the crossfire. At least nine people were taken to hospitals amid the shooting that spanned several hours before the gunman was taken into custody. Three officers were injured while responding to the initial report of shots fired at the clinic before noon, authorities said. More than two hours later, the gunman shot and injured a fourth officer in another ex-

change with police inside the clinic, police Lt. Catherine Buckley said. Authorities said they don't know the motive of the gunman or whether the shooter had any connection to Planned Parenthood, a national women's health care providers that offers abortions at some clinics. "We don't have any information on this individual's mentality, or his ideas or ideology," Buckley said. Planned Parenthood released a statement that said it did not know the full circumstances or motives behind the attack, or whether the organization was the target. The shots sent people inside the clinic racing for cover. Jennifer Motolinia hid behind a table inside the clinic and called her brother, Joan, who said he heard multiple gunshots in the background. □

After Paris, US political shift on privacy vs. security

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Paris attacks have renewed debate on the U.S. government's post-Sept. 11 domestic surveillance laws, leading to efforts to revive the issue in Congress.

The debate has handed presidential candidate Marco Rubio an opening against Ted Cruz, one of his rival for the Republican nomination. The two senators are nearing the top of the Republican field nationally and in key early voting states, though Donald Trump remains the front-runner with just over two months to go before the primary contest begins. Rubio and Cruz were on opposite sides earlier this year when Congress eliminated the National Security Agency's bulk phone-records collection program and replaced it with a more restrictive measure to

keep the records in phone companies' hands.

Rubio, of Florida, sided with top Republican senators in trying unsuccessfully to extend the existing program, saying that national security required it. Cruz, of Texas, allied himself with Democrats and the few other Republicans who said the program amounted to intrusive government overreach with no security benefit and voted to remake it. Now, with polls showing the public is growing more concerned with security after the Paris attacks this month that killed 130 people, Rubio is backing long-shot legislation aimed at keeping the intended changes from taking effect at month's end, as scheduled. He also needling Cruz, who is responding just as adamantly, as the two, rising in the presidential polls, escalate their direct confrontations.



Republican presidential candidates, from left, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., Ben Carson and Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, stand on stage during the Presidential Family Forum, Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, in Des Moines, Iowa. The Paris attacks have renewed debate on the U.S. government's post-Sept. 11 domestic surveillance laws, leading to efforts to revive the issue in Congress. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

"This is not a personal attack. It's a policy difference," Rubio said recently in an interview in Des Moines, Iowa. He said Cruz had joined with Senate liberals "to undermine the intelligence programs of this country."

"They do so under the

guise of protecting our liberties," Rubio said. "But in fact you can protect our liberties without undermining those programs."

Cruz, in an interview, disputed Rubio's criticism.

"I disagree with some Washington Republicans who think we should dis-

regard and discard the constitutional protections of American citizens," he said. "We can keep this nation safe without acquiescing to Big Brother having information about every aspect of our lives."

A Washington Post poll conducted after the Paris attacks showed a jump in the percentage of voters favoring investigating terrorist threats over protecting personal privacy: 72 percent said the government should investigate threats even at the cost of personal privacy, and 25 percent said the government shouldn't intrude on personal privacy, even if that limits its investigatory abilities. Speculation about how the suspects in the Paris attacks communicated is raising calls for Congress to take new steps on surveillance and ensure government access to encrypted networks. □

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Police: Gang members targeted 9-year-old boy shot in alley

JASON KEYSER
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chicago man was charged with first-degree murder Friday in connection with the slaying of a 9-year-old boy who police say was lured from a playground and shot in the head because of his father's gang ties. Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said the suspect, Corey Mor-

gan, 27, is a gang member with an extensive criminal history. McCarthy said two other men, including one jailed on an unrelated gun charge, also are suspected in the death of Tyshawn Lee, who was shot in an alley near his grandmother's home on Nov. 2. Prosecutors allege Morgan was intent on settling the score after an October shooting

killed his brother and injured his mother in a months-long gang feud. But his attorney, Jonathan Brayman, said Morgan "absolutely denies" being involved in the boy's death. McCarthy said the three men's precise roles were still under investigation, but that all were members of the same gang. "They're going to be obliterated. That gang just signed

its own death warrant," McCarthy said during a news conference. Tyshawn's slaying shocked a city already grimly familiar with gang violence. The fourth-grader was shot at close range — in the head and back. McCarthy praised local residents, saying they overcame fears and risks of retaliation to come forward and offer tips to police.

"If you have a monster who's willing to assassinate a 9-year-old, what is that person likely to do if they know that somebody's co-operating with the case?" McCarthy said at a news conference. Investigators allege Morgan was looking for targets after an Oct. 13 shooting that killed his brother and injured his mother while they were in a car. □

Reporter mocked by Trump says the 2 knew each other well



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign event at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (AP Photo/Willis Glassgow)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump says he couldn't have been making fun of a reporter's disability because he doesn't know the man. Not so, says the reporter. Serge Kovalski of The New

York Times says he has met the real estate mogul repeatedly, interviewing him in his office and talking to him at news conferences, when he worked for the New York Daily News in the late 1980s. "Donald and I were on a first-name ba-

sis for years," he said in a Times story about Trump's behavior at a rally in South Carolina last week. Onstage Tuesday, a mocking Trump flailed his arms in an apparent attempt to imitate mannerisms of the "poor guy." He accused

Kovalski of backing off a story from a week after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks that said authorities in New Jersey detained and questioned "a number of people who were allegedly seen celebrating the attacks." Kovalski then worked for The Washington Post.

Trump, who has stunned the political world with his staying power at the top of the Republican presidential field, cites the story as proof of his claim that "thousands" of Muslims in New Jersey celebrated the devastation across the river. But the story did not suggest "thousands" were observed celebrating or that the reports of such a scene were true. Other accounts from that time concluded the allegations were unfounded.

Kovalski has arthrogryposis, a congenital condition that restricts joint movement. In his speech, Trump cited the 2001 story, "written by a nice reporter,"

and went on: "Now the poor guy, you oughta see this guy — uh, I don't know what I said, uh, I don't remember. He's going like, I don't remember." He made jerking gestures and his voice took on a mocking tone.

On Thursday, Trump posted a statement on his Twitter account saying "I have no idea" who Kovalski is and claiming to have "one of the all-time great memories."

He wrote: "If Mr. Kovalski is handicapped, I would not know, because I do not know what he looks like. If I did know, I would definitely not say anything about his appearance." Kovalski challenged that statement in a Times story posted online Thursday night. "I've interviewed him in his office," he said. "I've talked to him at press conferences. All in all, I would say around a dozen times, I've interacted with him as a reporter" when he worked for the Daily News. □

White House fence jumper left suicide note: document

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man accused of jumping the White House fence while draped in an American flag left a suicide note with friends and a will with his mother, telling her she may never see him again, court documents show. Joseph Caputo, 22, was ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation on Friday, a day after authorities said he scaled the fence

while President Barack Obama was celebrating Thanksgiving with his family, prompting a lockdown. Caputo is charged with one count of illegal entry onto restricted grounds, which carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison. He did not enter a plea during his brief appearance in District of Columbia Superior Court on Friday afternoon. A judge released him to the custody of the Secret Service for

the sake of an emergency psychiatric evaluation. He is scheduled to appear in federal court on Monday. Caputo is the first person to be charged with scaling the White House fence since May, when the Secret Service added a second layer of steel spikes to the top of the fence in response to a series of security breaches, including an intruder who got deep inside the executive mansion last year. Other long-

term security enhancements for the White House perimeter are under construction.

According to court documents, Caputo had been staying with two friends in Virginia this week, and the friends provided the Secret Service with a note in which Caputo stated his intention to die on Thursday. According to the documents, the note read, in part, "Death is a natural part of life. Rejoice for

those around us who transform into the Force," in an apparent reference to the mythology of the "Star Wars" movies.

Caputo wore the American flag like a cape when he went over the fence, the documents show, and he was carrying a USB flash drive in the shape of a "Captain America" shield. He also carried weightlifting gloves and pocket guide to the Constitution, authorities said. □

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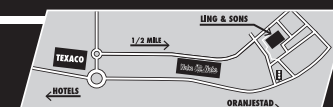
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Strikes on IS city, focus of international campaign, kill 8

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A new wave of airstrikes targeting the Syrian city of Raqqa, the headquarters of the extremist Islamic State group and the focus of an international military campaign, killed at least eight people, including five children, Syrian opposition groups said Friday.

The strikes came as France's foreign minister, Laurent Fabius, declared that destroying the IS headquarters and "neutralizing and eradicating" the extremist group is the main objective of the international campaign.

It wasn't immediately clear who carried out the latest airstrikes. The city in northern Syria is the group's de facto capital and has become the focus of international airstrikes in the wake of the Paris terror attacks and the bombing of a Russian jetliner over Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. IS has said it was behind both attacks.

Those developments have turned the world's attention to the fight against IS at a time when the international community is trying to engage Syrians in a diplomatic process that would lead to a political transition in the war-ravaged country.

That process faces enormous hurdles, including the fate of President Bashar Assad and agreeing on which armed factions

in Syria should be allowed to take part in negotiations.

Speaking in Moscow at a joint news conference with the Syrian foreign minister Friday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said

vetted by the U.N. Security Council.

Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem scoffed at those who call on Assad to step down, comparing them to "those who dream of the devil in heaven."

"Better late than never," al-Moallem said. "The Syrian army is ready to collaborate with anyone who has the intention to fight terrorism in Syria," he said, adding that first France would have to change its whole

bombardment occurred when warplanes targeted the city's Heten School. The school, like others in Raqqa, has been taken over by IS.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the death toll at 12, including the five children. Conflicting casualty figures are common in the chaos of Syria's civil war, now in its fifth year.

Russia and a U.S.-led coalition that includes France have been pounding Raqqa.

An IS-affiliated agency, Amaq, published a video purporting to show night-time explosions that lit up the Raqqa sky. The video showed a building and several cars on fire, and a man crouching over the bodies of five children. The agency claimed the casualties and destruction were caused by Russian airstrikes that targeted civilian areas.

In an interview with RTL radio, Fabius said that destroying IS is an objective that all countries agree upon. He spoke after a week of intense diplomacy capped by the French president's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Francois Hollande has been on a diplomatic drive since the Paris attacks to increase cooperation in tackling IS, which holds large swathes of territory in both Syria and Iraq. □



French army Rafale fighter jets flying towards Syria as part of France's Operation Chammal launched in support of the US-led coalition against Islamic State group. A new wave of airstrikes targeting the Syrian city of Raqqa killed at least eight people, Syrian opposition groups said Friday.

Friday that peace talks for Syria cannot go ahead until all parties involved agree on a list of which groups should be listed as terrorist and which as legitimate opposition.

"Vienna talks cannot go ahead productively without such a list of terrorists and a list of opposition groups," Lavrov said, adding that the lists should be

"All those who demanded the resignation of Assad have left and Assad remained," he said, adding that elections will decide who stays and who goes. Al-Moallem also seized on comments made by Fabius Friday in which he suggested France could work with Syrian government forces to fight the Islamic State group.

(French Army/ECPAD via AP)

take on the Syrian crisis. Fabius later clarified his comments, saying such cooperation must be part of a political transition in which Assad would step down.

A Raqqa-based activist group that reports on IS, known as Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently, said Friday that most of the casualties in the latest aerial

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Russia suspends visa-free travel with Turkey over jet crisis



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, rear-centre, poses for a photo with students and officials of Bayburt University in Bayburt, Turkey, Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. Russia announced Friday that it will suspend visa-free travel with Turkey amid the escalating spat over the downing of a Russian warplane by a Turkish fighter jet at the Syrian border. (AP Photo/Yasin Bulbul, Pool)

VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia announced Friday that it will suspend visa-free travel with Turkey amid the escalating spat over the downing of a Russian warplane by a Turkish fighter jet at the Syrian border.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov announced that Moscow will halt the existing visa-free regime starting Jan. 1, saying that Turkey has become a conduit for terrorists and has been reluctant to share information with Moscow about Russian citizens accused of involvement in terrorist activities.

Turkey's downing of the Russian military jet Tuesday, the first time in half a century that a NATO member shot down a Russian plane, has drawn a harsh response from Moscow. Russia has since restricted tourist travel, left Turkish trucks stranded at the border, confiscated large quantities of Turkish food imports and started preparing a raft of broader economic sanctions.

President Vladimir Putin has

also ordered the deployment of the long-range S-400 air defense missile systems to a Russian air base in Syria just 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of the border with Turkey to help protect Russian warplanes, and the Russian military warned it would shoot down any aerial target that would pose a potential threat to its planes. The military also moved the missile cruiser Moskva closer to the shore to help cover Russian bombers on combat missions.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan refused to apologize for the plane's downing, which Ankara said came after it flew for 17 seconds into Turkish airspace. At the same time, Erdogan said he has tried in vain to speak by phone to Putin to discuss the situation and expressed hope they could meet at the sidelines of a climate summit in Paris next Monday.

Putin's foreign affairs adviser Yuri Ushakov said Friday that the Kremlin had received Erdogan's request for a meeting, but wouldn't say whether such

a meeting is possible.

Asked why Putin hasn't picked up the phone to respond to Erdogan's two phone calls, he said that "we have seen that the Turkish side hasn't been ready to offer an elementary apology over the plane incident."

Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Numan Kurtulmus voiced hope that Moscow would keep military and diplomatic channels open and added that Ankara was mulling possible measures in response to Russian economic sanctions. He said that Turkey doesn't think Russia would risk los-

ing it as a partner.

Speaking to reporters after Friday's Cabinet meeting, Kurtulmus said that Turkey would not have shot down the plane if it had known it was Russian and said this is what Turkish officials have told senior Russian officials. He added that if the pilots had responded to the Turkish warnings and informed them that they were Russians, the shooting wouldn't have occurred either.

In Moscow, Russian air force chief, Col.-Gen. Viktor Bondarev, reaffirmed Friday that Turkey hadn't issued any warnings on a

previously agreed radio frequency before downing the plane. He insisted that the Russian Su-24 bomber hadn't veered into Turkey's airspace, and also claimed that the Turkish F-16 fighter jet flew into Syria's airspace for 40 seconds to down the Russian plane. The tug-of-war between the two countries has been driven by a clash of their leaders' personal ambitions. Putin and Erdogan have been frequently compared to each other. Both are populist leaders who frequently crack down on critics and often revert to anti-Western rhetoric. □

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EU turns to Turkey to help manage its migration woes

LORNE COOK
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Five years ago, Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi warned that millions of Africans wanted to come to the European Union and offered to make the continent's immigration problem disappear in exchange for billions of euros. Despite Libyan rights abuses, Europe listened, and Italy signed a deal with the Gadhafi regime. At a high-profile summit in Brussels Sunday, Europe's leaders will offer Turkey 3 billion euros (\$3.2 billion), an easing of visa restrictions and the fast-tracking of its EU membership process. In exchange, Ankara is to tighten border security and

take back some migrants who don't qualify for asylum in Europe. EU money will help build centers to hold them. The Europeans hope Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan — who will not attend the summit — can be their savior, yet disturbing questions remain over Turkey's human rights record. "He's king of playing hardball. He's a smart guy, he knows how to act, he knows what to say in order to achieve benefits," said Amanda Paul, a senior analyst at the European Policy Centre think-tank. According to the International Organization for Migration, almost 900,000 people have entered Europe this year seeking sanctuary or jobs. More



Migrants demanding to be allowed to pass the Greek-Macedonian border sit on the railway tracks in front of Macedonian policemen near the northern Greek village of Idomeni. Several European countries, including EU members Slovenia and Croatia and non-members Serbia and Macedonia, have declared they will only allow "war-zone refugees" from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to transit through their countries on their way to central and northern Europe.

(AP Photo/Giannis Papanikos)

than 600,000 have entered through Greece, many after making the short sea crossing from Turkey. Though the distance is short, the crossing is dangerous. On Friday, six children drowned in the two separate accidents. In one case, two sisters, aged 4 and 1, drowned when a wooden boat capsized in bad weather near the Turkish resort of Bodrum. Hours later, four Afghan children drowned when their boat sank further north off the town of Ayvacik, a main crossing point for migrants

trying to reach the island of Lesbos. So Turkey has become an indispensable actor as the refugee emergency leads some European nations to shut down borders, crack down on security or erect razor-wire fences. Many fear the future of Europe's 26-nation passport-free Schengen travel area, indeed the very project of European unity, is in jeopardy. "We have to try to cooperate with Turkey because, in fact, we have no other options," European

Council President Donald Tusk told EU lawmakers last month. An unpalatable truth is that the EU is well aware of Turkey's human rights failings — just as it was of Libya's — yet it again appears ready to set values aside in a quest to resolve its refugee crisis. In a recent membership progress report, the EU criticized Ankara's interference in its justice system and Turkish government pressure on the media. Just this Thursday, two more opposition journalists were jailed in Turkey. □

Greece near deal on next slice of bailout aid

BRUSSELS (AP) — Greece and its creditors are close to sealing a deal on conditions that Athens must respect to obtain the next slice of rescue money. The country has already received this week approval for a 2 billion euro loan, and is negotiating on more economic measures need-

ed to get another 1 billion euros. European Commission spokeswoman Mina Andreeva said Friday the sides have "agreed broadly the second set of milestones." She said that when the details are ironed out "this of course would unlock the disbursement of the final

one billion euros still available." That would also allow for an important review of Greece's handling of its austerity program, which is required to secure international credit. Andreeva said the implementation of pension reforms "is a key part of the first review." □

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Pope arrives in Uganda, calls Africa 'continent of hope'

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Associated Press

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Pope Francis arrived in Uganda on Friday on the second leg of his Africa pilgrimage, declaring Africa the "continent of hope" and honoring Uganda's most famous Christians.

Francis arrived from Kenya at Entebbe International Airport, where Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni welcomed him along with a military brass band and traditional drummers and dancers gyrating their hips. Francis, who is also scheduled to visit Central African Republic, is in Uganda mainly to honor the memory of a group of Ugandan Christians who were killed in the late 19th century on the orders of a local king eager to thwart the growing influence of Christianity.

Those victims, known as the Uganda Martyrs, include 45 Anglicans and Catholics killed between 1885 and

1887. Pope Paul VI canonized the 22 Ugandan Catholics in 1964.

"They remind us of the importance that faith, moral rectitude and commitment to the common good have played, and continue to play, in the cultural, economic and political life of this country," Francis told Museveni and other Ugandan authorities and diplomats at a welcome ceremony at the state house. In an unusual break with papal trip protocol, Museveni didn't offer welcoming remarks.

Later Friday, a remarkably enthusiastic crowd, complete with more traditional dancers and shrieking faithful, greeted Francis as he arrived at a shrine honoring the martyrs in Munyonyo, where they were condemned to death.

Francis said their witness helped Christianity grown in Uganda, and that the king's plot to "wipe out the followers of Christ" had



Pope Francis waves to local residents as he drives to St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church in the Kangemi slum of Nairobi, Kenya Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. Pope Francis is in Kenya on his first-ever trip to Africa, a six-day pilgrimage that will also take him to Uganda and the Central African Republic. (AP Photo/Ben Curtis)

failed.

Francis arrived in Kampala after a busy final day in Kenya that was highlighted by his visit to one of the capital's 11 slums and a spontaneous, off-the-cuff monologue to thousands

of Kenyan youths about preventing young people from falling prey to corruption and radicalization to go fight with extremist groups.

In the Kangemi shanty, Francis denounced con-

ditions slum-dwellers are forced to live in, saying access to safe water is a basic human right and that everyone should have dignified, adequate housing, access to sanitation, schools and hospitals. □



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Hundreds gather in Cuba in frustration at Ecuador visa rule



Cubans gather outside Ecuador's embassy, expressing frustration at a new visa rule that now requires they have a visa to visit the South American country, in Havana, Cuba, Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

M. WEISSENSTEIN
Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Hundreds of angry Cubans confronted police and Ecuadoran embassy officials in an unusual display of public discontent on Friday after the surprise announcement of a new visa requirement aimed at choking off this year's historic overland emigration of Cubans across more than 3,000 miles (5,000 kilometers) of South and Central America to the U.S. border with Mexico.

Chanting "Visa! Visa!" as dozens of uniformed and plainclothes security agents looked on, Cubans with tickets booked for Ecuador in coming days complained that they would lose years of savings because of the change announced by the Ecuadoran government Thursday evening, which left them less than two business days to get their hands on a visa. Deputy Foreign Minister Xavier Lasso said Ecuador would require visas of Cubans starting Dec. 1 in order to curb migration that he said "puts at risk men, women and children." Ecuador had been one of the few countries in the hemisphere that doesn't require visas for Cuban visitors, making it the chief starting point for tens of thousands of Cubans who have flown there this year and then made an overland trek across seven borders to reach the U.S., where they receive automatic legal residency. The flow has surged in 2015 due largely to fears that the detente between the U.S. and Cuba announced last Dec. 17 would lead to the end of special Cold

War-era privileges for Cuban migrants.

Two leftist Latin American countries allied with Cuba have begun to crack down on the northbound flood. Nicaragua closed its southern border to Cuban migrants this month, leaving more than 2,000 stranded inside northern Costa Rica. Ecuador, another Cuban ally, said Thursday that it was committed to what it called efforts by the Latin American community to prevent migration without authorization.

Cubans who learned that they would suddenly need visas for flights as early as Tuesday massed in front of the Ecuadoran embassy early Friday as security agents closed off the surrounding streets with yellow police tape.

Street gatherings that aren't explicitly pro-government are extremely rare in Cuba and the crowd in front of the Ecuadoran embassy on Friday expressed a degree of anger at President Raul Castro's government that is rarely seen in public. "This is Raul Castro's fault, nobody else's," said one member of the crowd, as security agents and members of the international media recorded the events. "I'm desperate," said Carmen Lopez, a 62-year-old homemaker who spent \$800 on a ticket for a Wednesday flight to visit her two sons in Ecuador. "I've made a lot of sacrifices to save my money to be able to go see them." Ecuadoran embassy officials outraged the crowd when they announced through a loudspeaker that Cubans traveling next week would have to apply online for tourists visas.

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presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as tokens of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 20-to-34 and 35-or-more consecutive years. The honorees for Goodwill Ambassador were Mr. Edward and Mrs. Lucille Littleton of Westerly, Rhode

Island, for visiting 25 years consecutive. The honorees for Emerald Ambassador are Mr. Burt and Mrs. Arlene Seltzer of New York, for visiting for 37 years consecutive, Mr. Carter and Mrs. Jill Richardson of Church Falls, Virginia, for visiting 37 years



consecutive, and Mr. Louise Gibbs of Church Falls, Virginia, for visiting 35 years consecutive. Edward and Lucille, Burt and Arlene, Carter and Jill, and Louise are all loyal members of the Occidental Beach Resort and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants, the Casinos, and just about everything else! They say being on the is-

land is like being in paradise, that the people are like family to them, and that Aruba is truly their 'home-away-from-home.' The certificates were presented by Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, together with family and friends and Sandra Steba, Jane Braafhart, Veronica Bernal and Evelina Figaroa of the Occidental Beach Resort. Congratulations to all! □



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NOORD - Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach, Aruba will play host to a special edition of Aruba's Pop-Up Art Fair event Korteweg, TONIGHT, Saturday, November 28, from 6pm to 10pm. The event will feature local arts and crafts, local drinks and snacks, and music by Wine It Up. Traditionally held on Korteweg, a short narrow






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street that runs perpendicular to the Main Street in the heart of Oranjestad, the event is a pop-up art fair that traditionally takes place on the last Friday of the month on a bi-monthly basis. Imagine a scene of funky cum bohemian with a dash of island cool and you have Korteweg, the newest and coolest happening on island! For TONIGHT, the Korteweg team has gone mobile and moved their event to Paseo Herencia Mall from 6pm to 10pm, for island guests and locals to enjoy while shopping and strolling along the High Rise resort area. A trending cultural phenomenon in cities like London, New York, and Chicago, these temporary art galleries such as Korteweg, allow artists the ability to curate their works with minimal investment. Much like many talented chefs in the U.S. are turning to food trucks in lieu of expensive investments

in rents, mortgages, and associated costs of serving their food in brick and mortar establishments, these pop-up galleries allow artists the opportunity to showcase their work in an up-close and personal setting instead of waiting for an invitation to exhibit in a traditional gallery. The Korteweg events are the perfect setting for local artists to sell their handmade arts and crafts to the public. These include creations with reclaimed wood and natural materials such as shells, rocks, driftwood, stones and coconuts, as well as other unique artistic treasures. Aptly called "Korteweg" after the street it is traditionally held on, the initiative is a collaboration of local artists, with Cado De Lannoy at the helm. To keep up with the artists and the next Korteweg pop-up art gallery event, you can follow them on their Facebook page "Korteweg Art Gallery."





Gut wins giant slalom as Shiffrin crashes

PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Mikaela Shiffrin was just a few turns from winning a World Cup race at home for the first time.

Shiffrin sensed victory. The crowd sensed victory. Even her competitors were basically resigned to her victory.

And then she caught an edge and went down with the finish line in sight and a big lead, giving Lara Gut of Switzerland a stunning giant slalom win Friday.

As Shiffrin buried her face in the snow, Gut watched in disbelief. She has been in that position plenty of times and knows the feeling.

"It's unusual that Mikaela does mistakes like that," said Gut, who captured her 13th World Cup win. "But that's part of the game."

One day you win, one day you crash. For me, it's better to win one day and crash the other day than be in 25th twice."

Gut completed the course in a two-run combined time of 2 minutes, 25.1 seconds, edging Austria's Eva-Maria Brem by 0.10 seconds. Federica Brignone of Italy took third.

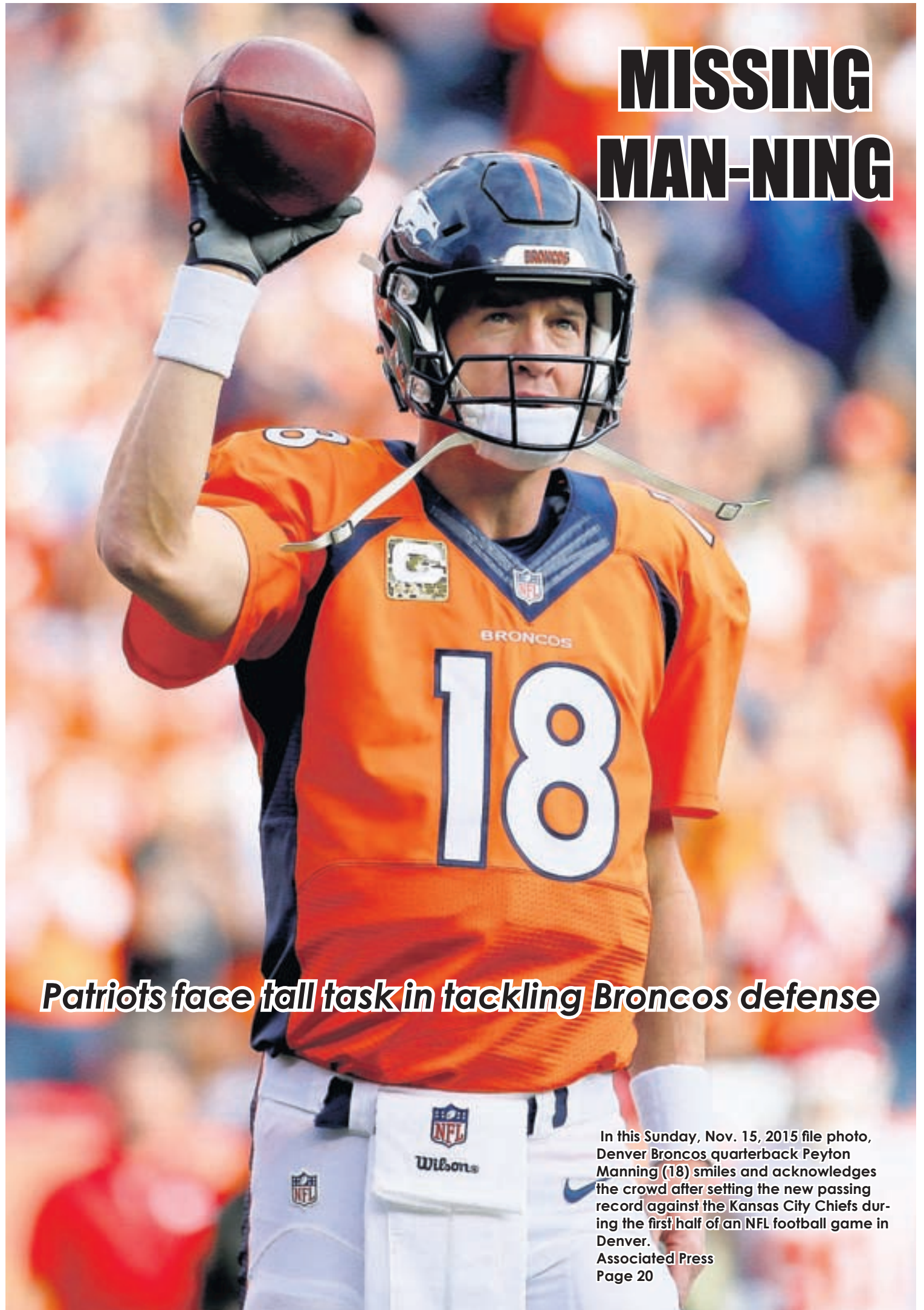
This was a rough day for the U.S. all around. Lindsey Vonn lost her left ski during the first run and slid into the netting.

"Tough course," Gut said. "There are never two gates that are easy to ski. You have to push hard from the top to the finish."

Shiffrin was the first-run leader and was cruising toward a win.

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MISSING MAN-NING



Patriots face tall task in tackling Broncos defense

In this Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015 file photo, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) smiles and acknowledges the crowd after setting the new passing record against the Kansas City Chiefs during the first half of an NFL football game in Denver.

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Gut

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Right before third-to-last gate, she even began to think about what a victory on home snow might mean.

Right after, she fell, and failed to finish.

"You should never, ever think that because immediately something bad will happen," said Shiffrin, whose 15 World Cup victories have all come in Europe. "That was kind of heartbreaking.

"That's one of those things that I feel is an inexcusable mistake, for somebody who's able to win and is going for it. At the same time, it's a good lesson."

No American has won a World Cup race in Aspen since Tamara McKinney in 1981.

Vonn, returning from a broken left ankle, was tentative out of the start gate. But the 31-year-old was beginning to find her rhythm when her ski popped off.



Switzerland's Lara Gut speeds down the course during the women's World Cup giant slalom ski race Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in Aspen, Colo.

Associated Press

She was not hurt, calling the wipeout "super annoying."

"It wasn't even really bumpy," Vonn added. "I'm kind of perplexed how

that actually happened. It's never happened to me in a race before. To have it happen in Aspen is definitely disappointing."

Brem was the defending champion in the event, but was in eighth after the first run. She had the fastest time on the final pass.

Her performance definitely helps the Austrian cause, with Anna Fenninger sidelined by a knee injury and Nicole Hosp recently retiring. No added pressure, though.

"I always try to just reach my goals and not to think about or not listen to what others want me to ski like," Brem said. "I let go in the second run and you saw what is possible."

Brignone followed up a GS win in Soelden, Austria, last month to start the season with another podium finish. Then again, she's typically quick at Aspen. She finished third in the GS on this hill last season.

On hand to watch the competition in Aspen was McKinney, who would love

to see the overall race boil down to Shiffrin and Vonn. It just may, with Fenninger out and Tina Maze taking a hiatus. Although, Gut proved she figures to be in the mix as well.

"It would be fantastic for U.S. skiing and hopefully people would be paying attention," said McKinney, who's coaching and selling real estate in Squaw Valley, California. "The great thing that Lindsey and Mikaela have brought to visibility is there's always work involved. But they have made working hard look cool." There are two more slalom races this weekend. That's the specialty of Shiffrin, who's the reigning Olympic and world slalom champion.

"I'm really excited to start the slalom season, see how I stack up," Shiffrin said. "Take the same tactics as today — my mentality was good and I was going for it. There's a lot to take away from the day. Just have to make sure I stay smart to the finish." □

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Hellebuyck hangs on to win debut, Jets beat Wild 3-1



Winnipeg Jets left wing Nikolaj Ehlers (27), of Denmark, scores on Minnesota Wild goalie Devan Dubnyk (40) during the third period of an NHL hockey game in St. Paul, Minn., Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. The Jets won 3-1. Associated Press

ADAM CZECH

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Early in the first period of his NHL debut, Winnipeg Jets goalie Connor Hellebuyck stopped a wrist shot from Minnesota's Charlie Coyle. Making that first save calmed Hellebuyck's nerves, and he didn't have much reason to stress after. He only faced 14 more shots. Dustin Byfuglien had a goal and an assist, Hellebuyck made 14 saves and the Jets spoiled winger Zach Parise's return from a knee injury by beating the Wild 3-1 on Friday.

"I think anyone playing their first game is hyped up on adrenaline, so I was focused," Hellebuyck said. "The team was playing really good in front of me and that's all you can ask for."

Mathieu Perreault added his second goal in two games and Nikolaj Ehlers' goal late in the third put the game away.

The Jets won on the road for the first time in their last seven tries and for just the

third time in their last 11 games overall.

"A lot of things have been going wrong around here, and we needed some way to get back to our game plan," Byfuglien said. "New blood in the pipes never hurts, and the kid played great."

Ryan Carter scored for Minnesota, finally getting a shot past Hellebuyck that made it 2-1 midway through the third period. Hellebuyck was college hockey's top goalie in 2013-14 at UMass Lowell and the goaltender on the U.S. team that won a bronze medal in the 2015 world championships.

Minnesota finished with a season-low 15 shots, which was also a season low in shots allowed for the Jets.

"Tough to play when you feel like you're chasing the puck all game," said Parise, who added that his knee felt fine. "Tough to make plays, tough to make shots when you feel like you never have the puck."

Wild fans at the Xcel Energy Center let out a roar

when it was announced before the game that Parise would start, but his return failed to spark Minnesota.

After Jason Zucker was whistled for an elbowing penalty behind the net, Perreault took a pass from Byfuglien and zipped it past Devan Dubnyk to give Winnipeg a 1-0 lead with 3:34 left in the second period. Byfuglien made it 2-0 early in the third when his odd-angle shot hit Dubnyk in the back of the skate and went in for his seventh goal. "It's just one of those bounces. It got in somehow," Byfuglien said.

Carter's goal bounced off of Winnipeg defenseman Mark Stuart and past Hellebuyck to give Minnesota some momentum.

The rookie bounced back quickly and stopped a big shot from Jason Pominville with 3:11 to play.

"It felt great," said Hellebuyck, who was told by coach Paul Maurice on Thursday afternoon that he'd be starting. "I think the team played really well in

front of me and blocked a lot of shots, and it showed out there."

Just 11 seconds later, Ehlers got loose on a breakaway and put the game away.

Winnipeg's defense entered ranked 29th in goals allowed but had little problem preventing Minnesota from generating quality scoring chances.

The Wild have just one win in their last six games. Parise was Minnesota's leading

scorer when he sprained a knee ligament on Nov. 5.

"I look at the first part of the season and I think our record was a little misleading. I think there were a lot of inconsistencies in our game," Wild coach Mike Yeo said. "What happens is I think we're playing the same game that we were at the start of the year, but the league gets better. So right now we're not getting away with those things." □

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Patriots-Broncos missing a key cast member: Peyton Manning

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Tom Brady versus Brock Osweiler just doesn't have the same NFL Hall of Fame ring to it.

Still, when Brady leads his undefeated New England Patriots into Denver on Sunday, the game will have plenty of significance. And no one should write off the Broncos' chances, even with the untested Osweiler substituting for Peyton Manning.

Osweiler's first NFL start was a victory at Chicago last week. Manning is mending a variety of ailments, and will probably miss another two weeks.

Brady says he will miss matching up with his longtime rival quarterback. But he'll likely miss not having some key parts on offense, particularly injured wide receiver Julian Edelman, who is out, and receiver Danny Amendola, who is unlikely to play.

"There's nobody that has more respect for Peyton than me, outside of probably his parents, his brother," Brady says. "If anybody can appreciate what Peyton has accomplished, it's me."

Brady has won five of his last six games against Denver, passing for 17 touchdowns and two interceptions. Brady is four touchdown passes from surpassing Dan Marino for third on the all-



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) loses the ball as he is sacked by New England Patriots' Eric Martin (53) and Robert Ayers (91) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday Nov. 15, 2015, in East Rutherford, N.J.

time list with 421.

The stats don't faze the Broncos. Osweiler's ability to run coach Gary Kubiak's trademark bootlegs and rollouts, the addition of bruising blocker Richard Gordon, and the increasingly bigger role played by the tight ends, have given the Broncos a more diversified offense than just two weeks ago.

Two more teams to watch in Week 12 meet in Seattle, where the Pittsburgh Steelers visit. They are 3-0 against the NFC West this season, and Ben Roethlisberger is 3-0 in his career against the Seahawks, including

a Super Bowl win. He was forced into emergency action when Landry Jones went down two weeks ago against Cleveland, and performed impressively on a dicey ankle.

He has plenty of offensive help in receivers Antonio Brown and Martavis Bryant, and running back DeAngelo Hall, subbing well for the injured Le'Veon Bell.

Seattle seems to have discovered a new star at running back, Thomas Rawls. With Marshawn Lynch out last weekend, Rawls rushed for 209 yards against the San Francisco 49ers, the second-best game in fran-

chise history.

The Seahawks have rushed for 100 yards as a team in 21 straight games.

"He's done very well and been consistent," Seahawks coach Pete Carroll says of Rawls. "Whenever he's been given a real good shot, he's come through in a big way."

The 49ers have another divisional game, this time at home against the Arizona Cardinals. Arizona annihilated the 49ers 47-7 in September. The Cardinals are just as good and the 49ers have nose-dived even more.

The Cardinals have won four in a row to take hold of the NFC West, but they haven't won in San Francisco in seven years. Their balanced offense, with a revitalized Chris Johnson running the ball, Carson Palmer connecting with Larry Fitzgerald and John Brown, will severely test the 49ers.

Niners linebacker NaVorro Bowman likes the sight of Arizona. Bowman, who leads the NFC with 97 tackles in a comeback season from knee surgery, has 25 tackles, one sack, one interception, one forced fumble, and two fumble recoveries in his last three meetings with the Cardinals.

The action began with the traditional Thanksgiving Thursday games.

Carolina remained unbeaten and sent Dallas quarterback Tony Romo to the sidelines with another left collarbone injury. The Panthers stretched their NFL-best winning streak to 15 regular-season games with a 33-14 victory over Dallas. Green Bay was stunned 17-13 by the Chicago Bears, who held off the Packers on fourth-and-goal from the 8 with 22 seconds left. And Detroit kept its revival going with a 45-14 rout of Philadelphia. The Lions have won three straight, and the Eagles are on a three-game losing streak. □

Romo out for year after 2nd collarbone injury of season

BY SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) --

Tony Romo knew he was risking another left collarbone injury by coming back eight weeks after breaking it.

The Dallas quarterback won't have to worry about another return. He's out for the season this time.

Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones said on his radio show Friday that Romo would sit out the remaining five games with a small fracture in the

same collarbone that had already sidelined him for seven games.

Romo will not need surgery after getting hurt in the third quarter of Thursday's 33-14 loss to Carolina. He didn't need surgery after breaking the collarbone in Week 2 at Philadelphia, either.

It's the third fracture in Romo's non-throwing shoulder in his nine-year career as the Dallas starter. He missed most of 2010 after getting hurt against the New York Giants.

"The hard part is playing

when you're trying not to get hurt, which is silly," Romo said after he threw three interceptions and Carolina returned two of them for touchdowns before the injury. "I'm disappointed in costing our team a good chance to stay in the game early. Then on top of it, who knows how long after that. It's just a disappointing day."

Romo was in his second game back after the Cowboys (3-8) lost seven straight without him. The skid ended in his return at Miami,



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo (9) is helped off the field by team staff after suffering an unknown injury in the second half of an NFL football game against the Carolina Panthers, Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, in Arlington, Texas

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and the Carolina loss was his first of the season.

"We felt that the risk was worth the potential of hav-

ing him be the impact he can be and he is on our team," Jones said on his radio show. □



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Tyson Fury slightly heavier than Klitschko ahead of title bout

CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

ESSEN, Germany (AP) —

No antics, no singing, no goading, and no boastful declarations.

Tyson Fury's respectful demeanor at the weigh-in for his much-anticipated heavyweight bout against Wladimir Klitschko on Saturday suggested he was now concentrating solely on the task at hand.

After a buildup dominated by humor - Fury dressed up as Batman, sung to Klitschko, and complimented him on his scent, while also making wild boasts of ending his rival's long heavyweight reign - the British fighter stuck to the script on Friday, maintaining his silence during the obligatory staredown that ended with a handshake.

Fury will hold a slight weight advantage when he takes on Klitschko for his WBA, IBF and minor WBO and IBO belts, at a 55,000-seat soccer stadium in Duesseldorf. The undefeated British fighter (24 wins, 18 KOs) weighed in at 112 kilograms (247 pounds), while Klitschko came in at 111.5 kilos (246 pounds).

The 2.09-meter (6-foot-9) Fury had been expected to weigh more. Both fighters' relative low weights suggest they are going for speed, and will do their best to end the fight prematurely.



Challenger Tyson Fury, right, and world champion Wladimir Klitschko, left, stand on the podium after the Official Weigh-In in Essen, Germany, prior their heavyweight boxing fight, Friday, Nov. 27, 2015.

Associated Press

The 39-year-old Klitschko, whose record is 64 wins with 53 knockouts from 67 fights, is 1.98-meters (6-foot-6), putting him in the unusual position of fighting a taller opponent, though Fury — 12 years his junior — tends to crouch when he fights, giving some of that advantage away.

Fury said he saw "fear" in Klitschko's eyes.

"I see a nervous man, on his last legs, preparing to be taken out," said Fury, a former British, Irish, European, and Commonwealth champion.

But Klitschko has no intention of ending his career just under four months before his 40th birthday. Four more fights have been agreed with German broadcaster RTL. "It's still fun for me and I feel fit," said Klitschko, who is missing the WBC belt that his brother Vitali vacated to concentrate on politics. The older Klitschko is the mayor of Kiev, Ukraine.

Klitschko promoter Bernd Boente said the "highest possible security measures" will be in place following the Paris attacks, and the terror scare that led to the late cancellation of a soccer friendly between Germany and Netherlands last week in Hannover.

Rod Stewart is due to perform before the bout, when a 40-man choir is to sing the anthems. □



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Former East German athlete testifies to the evils of doping

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

(AP) — Heidi Krieger didn't ask questions when her coaches added a regimen of blue pills to the handful of vitamins she was already taking every day.

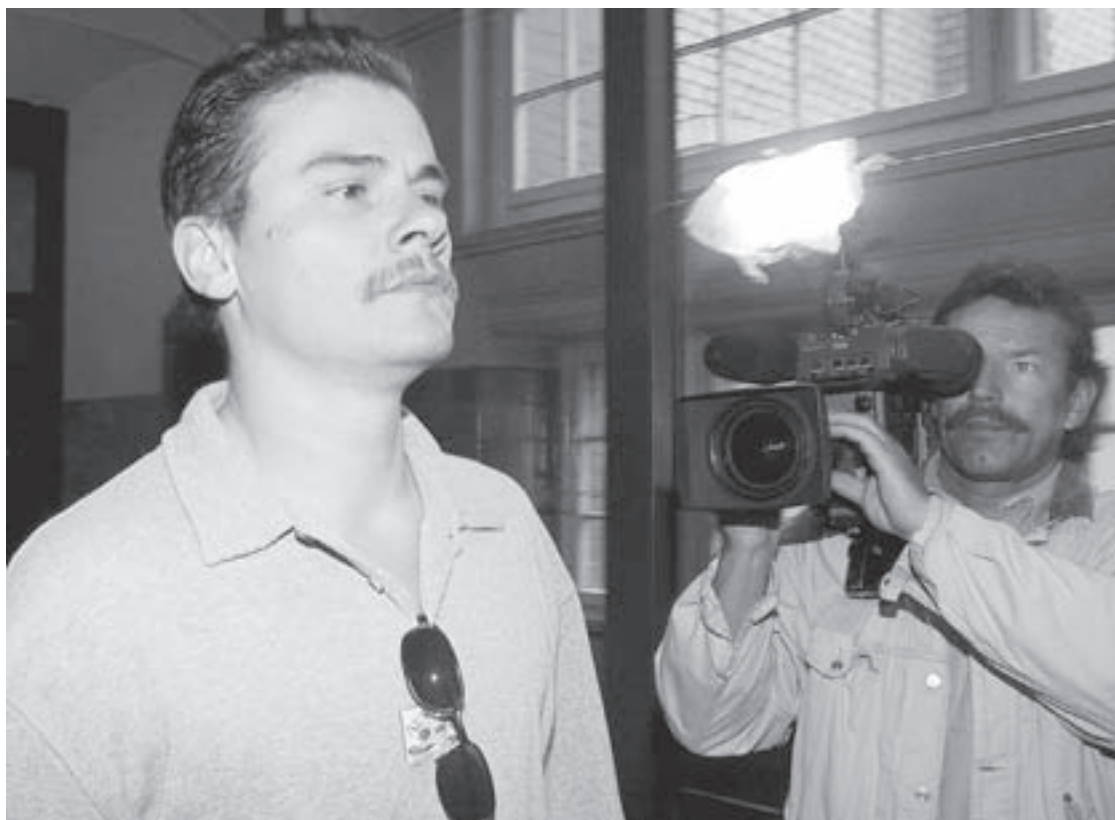
She didn't object that her daily workouts were nothing more than extended weight-lifting sessions with no true practice in the techniques of shot put.

She liked winning, enjoyed the travel, the attention and all the other perks that came with the success — so even though she shot up from 152 pounds (69 kilograms) to 230 pounds (104 kg) over the span of two years, she did what her coaches asked and stuck with the program.

Once part of the steroid-addled East German sports powerhouse of the 1980s, Heidi Krieger is now Andreas Krieger — and his is an eye-opening reminder of the evils of state-sponsored doping in sports.

"In some ways, they played God without including me or asking me," Krieger said in an interview he recently taped with the German Anti-Doping Agency.

Krieger said the program



In this May 26, 2000, file photo, Andreas Krieger arrives to be a witness at a doping trial in Berlin. Once part of the medically engineered East German sports powerhouse of the 1980s, Heidi Krieger is now Andreas Krieger, and his is an eye-opening reminder of the evils of state-sponsored doping in sports.

he was part of was called "State Plan 1425." In some ways, it mirrors what has been taking place more recently in Russia, where sports and government officials have been accused of pressuring athletes into taking performance-enhancing drugs, then making payoffs on the other

end to ensure the substances wouldn't be detected. Already, Russia's anti-doping agency has been decertified and the Russian track team has been suspended — its eligibility for next year's Rio Games in question while the country tries to build a clean program.

Krieger never made the Olympics. The goal, he said, was to be the first woman to send the shot put more than 23 meters. Krieger threw it 21.1 meters at the 1986 European Championships, and the gold medal she won there was the highlight of a career that began, in earnest, in 1979

when she was enrolled into the Sports School for Children and Youth in Berlin.

Krieger described "State Plan 1425" as a "systematic plan that monitored every step, from the research to the athlete." The drug of choice was called Oral-Turinabol, a then-undetectable steroid that, combined with birth-control pills given to Krieger, helped her increase muscle mass while steadily stealing away signs of womanhood.

Krieger said he took more than double the amount of steroids as Ben Johnson, the doped sprinter whose fall from grace came during the 1988 Olympics.

There were humiliations: The strange looks she got at the airport when she asked where the ladies' room was. The whispers of "Here comes Hormone Heidi" when she headed out to the field.

But success came, and the perks were there.

For a young woman in Communist East Germany, the trips to the West to compete, replete with fancy hotels and lavish meals, were highlights. She got an apartment — something uncommon for someone her age. □

Associated Press

IAAF clears Radcliffe, defends its blood testing program



In this file photo dated Sunday, April 26, 2015, British athlete Paula Radcliffe after she was presented with a lifetime achievement award during the 35th London Marathon.

STEPHEN WILSON

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The IAAF cleared marathon world record-holder Paula Radcliffe of doping allegations on Friday and rejected

claims that it failed to act on hundreds of suspicious blood tests, saying the accusations lacked "any scientific or legal basis."

Track and field's governing body issued a 38-page

response to allegations by British and German media outlets that it had ignored and tolerated rampant blood doping in the sport.

"The IAAF is not complacent about doping in its sport," the federation said. "It will continue to use every tool at its disposal to fight doping and protect clean athletes."

The statement was released a few days before IAAF President Sebastian Coe faces a British parliamentary hearing into the doping allegations made by The Sunday Times newspaper and German broadcaster ARD.

Already reeling from revelations of government-backed doping in Russia and criminal corruption charges against former president Lamine Diack,

the International Association of Athletics Federations said it had a duty to set the record straight on the blood doping issue.

"The IAAF cannot sit idly by while public confidence in its willingness to protect the integrity of its sport is undermined by allegations of inaction/incompetence that are based on bad scientific and legal argument," it said.

The IAAF singled out the case of Radcliffe, saying the three-time London Marathon winner was publicly accused of doping "based on the gross misinterpretation of raw and incomplete data."

Elevated blood value readings in some of Radcliffe's tests had "clearly plausible" explanations that were "entirely innocent,"

the IAAF said.

The IAAF said it followed up by testing Radcliffe's urine and blood samples for EPO and blood transfusions, and all the results came back negative. It said it collected 14 blood samples from Radcliffe for screening purposes from 2001 to 2008.

"The circumstances in which Ms. Radcliffe came to be publicly accused are truly shocking," the IAAF said, adding that she was "hounded remorselessly" by the media until she felt compelled to publicly defend herself.

"Obviously there's been damage done to my reputation, and to the reputation of the sport, and that's why I took the stand I did against this," Radcliffe said Friday after the release of the IAAF statement. □

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Growth _ but not expansion _ in U.S. internet gambling market

BY WAYNE PARRY
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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) --

Internet gambling is slowly growing - but not expanding - after 2 1/2 years of online betting in the United States.

Online gambling revenue is increasing in at least two of the three states that currently offer it - New Jersey and Delaware. The third, Nevada, doesn't report Internet revenue separately.

But a hoped-for wave of expansion has not happened as many states sit on the sidelines and assess the costs and benefits of the nascent industry.

"Internet gambling revenue in Delaware, Nevada and New Jersey badly missed initial forecasts, which themselves were overly aggressive," said Chris Krafcik, research director for Gambling Compliance, which tracks gambling legislation nationwide.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's administration, for example, had initially estimated Internet gambling would bring in \$1 billion in its first year. It did about 12 percent of that. "The negative P.R. that resulted, fair or not, really took the wind out of the expansionary sails," Krafcik said.

San Francisco-based Gambling Compliance predicts either California or Pennsylvania will approve Internet gambling next year, followed by New York and Mississippi in subsequent years. In 2016, the group projects, nine states will consider legalizing it, though not necessarily act to approve it.

The industry still faces some nagging issues, as well as looming threats - including an effort in Congress to ban Internet gambling nationwide. The Restoration of America's Wire Act has been introduced in both chambers this year, backed by billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson, and could come up for a hearing next month. New Jersey began offering Internet gambling on

Nov. 25, 2013, and took in \$122 million in its first full year. Over the first 10 months of this year, the Atlantic City casinos have already equaled that total, with their Internet gambling revenue up 17.6 percent from the same period last year.

Delaware won \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2014;

has sought to partner with other states that might legalize it to offer larger, joint prize pools.

PokerStars, the world's largest Internet poker site, will begin operating in New Jersey in the first half of 2016, and many industry executives expect it to grow the market, though how much remains to be

Jersey says MasterCard is approving 70 percent of attempted Internet gambling transactions in the state, while Visa is at 62 percent. PayPal also recently agreed to participate.

From a legal and consumer protection standpoint, Internet gambling has proven to be reliable

In New Jersey, Internet gambling was seen as a lifeline to Atlantic City's struggling casinos. Less than a year after it began, four of its 12 casinos went out of business. But for those that remain, Internet gambling often makes the difference between an up or a down month.



In this Nov. 26, 2013 photo, Jon Hernandez chooses from several games of online poker from his home in Roselle Park, N.J., the day after New Jersey began offering Internet gambling statewide.

Associated Press

\$1.8 million in 2015, and \$500,000 so far this fiscal year, which runs from July through June.

Nevada stopped reporting Internet gambling revenue as a separate item at the end of 2014. Online poker, the only brand of online gambling Nevada offers, is just a drop in the bucket of the state's \$11 billion gambling market.

Online poker is the most popular form of Internet gambling, although the small number of states offering it has kept prize pools low. New Jersey

seen. In March, Morgan Stanley cut its estimate of the potential U.S. Internet gambling market by nearly half, pegging it at \$2.7 billion by 2020, down from an initial estimate of \$5 billion.

At first, one of the main impediments to people getting online to gamble was funding their accounts. Many credit cards wary of running afoul of a law banning banks from funding illegal Internet bets were reluctant to process transactions, but that has changed. New

and transparent, said David Rebeck, New Jersey's top gambling regulator. Technology to ensure a player is actually within the state's borders have reduced false rejections - initially a problem - to a negligible issue. And it's keeping most outsiders from gambling illegally: only two people were found to have successfully placed bets from outside New Jersey since 2013, Rebeck said. Officials confiscated the money in their accounts, totaling about \$1,000.

"The market was smaller than a lot of people predicted, but the market is growing pretty nicely now," said Tom Ballance, president of the Borgata, Atlantic City's top casino and its leading online winner.

Internet gambling has generated \$6 million in earnings for the Borgata over the first three quarters of this year, Ballance said.

"In Atlantic City, \$6 million in profit is not easy to come by," he said. "We'll take that anytime." □

Stocks inch higher in quiet trading; Disney stumbles

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks finished mostly higher Friday as they wrapped up a quiet week of trading. The Standard & Poor's 500

Stocks didn't have much momentum in a week of light trading. The market made its biggest weekly gain of 2015 last week, but this week the Dow fell 0.1 percent and the S&P 500

between Russia and Turkey after Turkey shot down a Russian fighter plane on Tuesday. Krosby said those gains may not last long. Next week OPEC will hold a

hovered around 100 million for years.

Disney has said that ESPN has lost subscribers, but investors appeared shaken by the size of the losses. Small but growing numbers of people are opting out of traditional cable TV bundles and buying smaller, less expensive groups of channels instead. Investors in media companies are worried about potential losses of subscribers and revenue.

A dispute over the health and mental capacity of media mogul Sumner Redstone hit shares of Viacom, the owner of media properties including Paramount Pictures, Comedy Central, MTV and Nickelodeon. In a lawsuit filed Wednesday, Manuela Herzer, Redstone's former companion, said the 92-year-old executive can't make informed decisions anymore and needs medical care at all times. Lawyers for Redstone, who controls the shareholder vote at Viacom as well as at CBS, disputed the claims. Viacom's Class B shares fell \$1.19, or 2.3 percent, to \$51.16.

Spam maker Hormel didn't miss a beat over the holiday break, rising \$1.46, or 2 percent, to \$75.01. Earlier this week Hormel posted strong-quarterly results and announced a planned stock split. Its shares rose 10 percent this week. Hewlett Packard Enterprise also continued to rise. The technology services company, formerly part of Hewlett-Packard, saw an increase in sales of data-center hardware during the fourth quarter.



Traders John Elliott, left, and Frank O'Connell work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks finished mostly higher Friday as they wrapped up a quiet week of trading.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

index fluctuated early on, but managed to eke out a small gain as telecommunications and financial stocks rose. Disney dragged down the Dow Jones industrial average after the company said ESPN lost 3 million subscribers in the last year. Oil prices slumped, dragging down energy stocks. The Dow fell 14.90 points, or 0.1 percent, to 17,798.49. The S&P 500 picked up 1.24 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,090.11. The Nasdaq composite index added 11.38 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,127.52. U.S. markets were closed Thursday for the Thanksgiving holiday, and closed at 1 p.m. on Friday.

rose less than 0.1 percent. Oil prices dropped. Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.33, or 3.1 percent, to \$41.71 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, gave up 60 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$44.86 a barrel in London. The largest losers on the S&P 500 were energy stocks. Consol Energy lost 52 cents, or 6.5 percent, to \$7.48 and Southwestern Energy gave up 68 cents, or 7.2 percent, to \$8.74. Prudential Financial market strategist Quincy Krosby said oil prices gained a premium this week because of geopolitical concerns like increased military action against the Islamic State and growing tensions

meeting in Vienna, and the group could send oil prices higher by deciding to cut back on production. Or, it could decide to keep producing oil at its present rate, which might make prices fall further. That premium on the price of oil "can move up dramatically but also come down or dissipate just as quickly," Krosby said. Disney fell \$3.54, or 3 percent, to \$115.13, its biggest one-day loss since August. Late Wednesday, Disney disclosed that U.S. subscribers to its ESPN sports channel fell for the second year in a row, to 92 million as of Oct. 3, matching the lowest total since 2006. ESPN's subscriber totals had

South Korea: VW rigged emissions in 125,000 vehicles

YOUKYUNG LEE
AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea said this week it fined Volkswagen \$12.3 million and ordered recalls of 125,522 diesel vehicles after the government found their emissions tests were rigged.

Hong Dong Gon, a director at the Ministry of Environment, said in a live television broadcast that the ministry will continue investigating 30,000 other Volkswagen diesel cars for which it did not find evidence of emissions cheating.

South Korea's government launched investigations last month after the German automaker admitted that it rigged U.S. tests so it would appear that its diesel-powered cars were emitting fewer nitrogen oxides, which can contribute to ozone buildup and respiratory illness.

The global scope of the scandal has put Volkswagen under intense financial pressure. The automaker said last week it will cut spending by 1 billion euros (\$1.07 billion) next year. It has already set aside 6.7 billion euros (\$7.4 billion) to cover the costs of recalling vehicles but experts say the total cost including fines could be much more. The South Korean ministry found that emissions from Tiguan diesel vehicles using EA189 engines breached standards when the car was not under the usual test conditions, such as when the air conditioner was on or when the car accelerated.

Volkswagen was ordered to recall 125,522 diesel vehicles equipped with the same EA189 engines sold in South Korea between 2008 and 2015. The recall covers 15 models, including the Tiguan, which was the top-selling imported car in South Korea last year. The ministry will continue investigating other cars using more recent EA288 engines that say they meet emissions standards known as "Euro-5" and "Euro-6."

Bayern Munich claims record profit for 2014-15

MUNICH (AP) — Bayern Munich made a record profit after tax of 23.8 million euros (\$25.2 million) last season, the club announced at its annual general meeting on Friday. Bayern said it had a turnover of 523.7 million euros (\$555 million) for the financial year 2014-15, slightly

below that of the previous year. It's the second consecutive year that Bayern has had turnover of over half a billion euros. The club earned five million more the previous season due to its participation in the Club World Cup and UEFA Super Cup. "Maximum sporting suc-

cess with financial solidity - that's our maxim," Bayern deputy chairman Jan-Christian Dreesen said. Match income was a total of 137.6 million euros (\$146 million) as it competed in the Champions League, German Cup and Bundesliga - which it won for a third straight year - as well as friendly games. Spon-

sorship and marketing provided another 113.9 million euros (\$121 million), merchandizing including jersey sales provided 101.7 million euros (\$107.7), while domestic TV and radio contributed 58.3 million euros (\$61.8 million). Salaries were the biggest expense at 227.3 million euros (\$241 million).

3 Chinese brokerages say they are under investigation

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BEIJING (AP) — Three of China's biggest securities firms are under investigation in a fresh aftershock from this summer's market plunge. Shares in Citic Securities Ltd. and Guosen Securities Ltd. fell Friday by the 10 percent daily limit after both said they were be-

ing probed by regulators. A third brokerage, Haitong Securities Ltd., issued a similar announcement after trading in its shares was suspended Friday morning. None gave details. The Shanghai Composite Index closed down 5.5 percent. Authorities have detained securities executives, an investment fund manager,

government employees and a reporter for a business magazine following the collapse in prices that began in early June. The announcements that brokerages themselves were under investigation represented a further widening of the probes. The investigations were seen by many as an attempt by the ruling Communist

Party to deflect blame for the 30 percent fall by the Shanghai index after state media encouraged the public to buy stocks. Citic is China's biggest brokerage and part of Citic Group, the Cabinet's main holding company. Guosen and Haitong are among the country's 10 biggest securities firms. In September, the police ministry an-

nounced Citic executives including its general manager, Cheng Boming, were suspected of insider trading and leaking sensitive information. The previous month, the official Xinhua News Agency said eight Citic employees and one current and one former employee of the market regulator were suspected of illegal stock trading. □

Japan plans extra budget, handouts, to pump up recovery

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TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has ordered Cabinet ministers to prepare an extra spending package, including cash handouts for the poorest pensioners, seeking to breathe fresh life into Japan's stalling recovery. The amount of the supplementary budget has not been decided, the chief government spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, said Friday after the Cabinet met. Local media said the package will likely exceed 3 trillion yen (\$24.5 billion) and will be prepared in December, for approval early in the new year. It will likely include one-time subsidies of 30,000 yen (\$245) for cash-strapped pensioners. Suga said it also will include provisions to help farmers improve their competitiveness as the Japan opens its markets further as part of a Pacific Rim trade agreement, the Trans-Pacific Partner-

ship.

Suga said the measures are part of broader plan announced by Abe to increase Japan's gross domestic product to 600 trillion yen (\$4.9 trillion) by 2020.

The extra spending aimed at farmers and seniors, bastions of support for Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, also will likely find favor among voters ahead of an election next summer. Japan slipped into a mild recession in the spring. Although the jobless rate fell to a 20-year low of 3.1 percent in October, according to data released Friday, consumer spending and incomes also edged down as the tight labor market failed to spur significant increases in wages. Abe has proposed a raft of policies meant to help workers cope with child and elder care, part of a "mobilization to ensure active participation of all members of society."

Ultimately, the fate of his



Shoppers take a look at oranges on sale at a shop at a shopping street of Ginza area in Tokyo. Japan's jobless rate fell to a 20-year low in October, but consumer spending and incomes also edged lower as the tight labor market failed to spur significant increases in wages. The government reported Friday, Nov. 27, 2015 that unemployment in the world's No. 3 economy dipped to 3.1 percent in October, compared with a rate of 3.4 percent in September.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)

"Abenomics" approach, which has relied heavily on pumping cash into the economy, hinges on getting consumers and companies to spend more and thus boost demand.

So far, short-handed employers have resorted to use of overtime and hiring more temporary workers, seeking to avoid increases in base wages that would be difficult to reverse if

the economy takes a turn for the worse. Household spending fell 2.4 percent in October from the year before, and average incomes fell 0.9 percent, Friday's data showed. □

Swiss court convicts ex-HSBC employee for leaking data

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Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — A Swiss court has convicted in absentia a former employee with international bank HSBC for economic espionage and sentenced him to five years in prison. Herve Falciani, 43, was on trial for leaking bank data that led to a worldwide wave of tax evasion probes against prominent clients with accounts in Switzerland.

Falciani, seen by some as a crucial whistleblower, had refused to travel from his native France to appear before the Swiss Federal Tribunal in Bellinzona in proceedings that began in October. France does not extradite its own citizens and Falciani appears unlikely to serve the sentence.

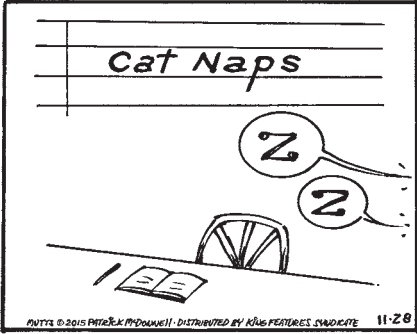
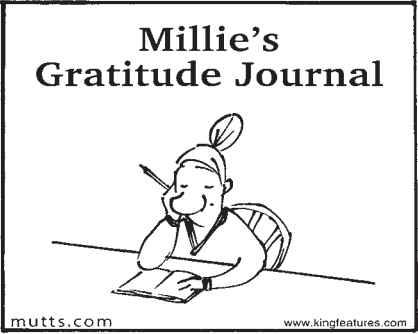
He was charged with illegally obtaining data, economic espionage, breach of business confidentiality

and breach of bank secrecy while working at a Swiss HSBC subsidiary between 2006 and 2008. The court in the southern Swiss town of Bellinzona threw out all the charges except for one alleging a "serious" violation of economic intelligence, for having made public information about private and public foreign entities in Lebanon, France, Germany, and Britain, according to court documents.

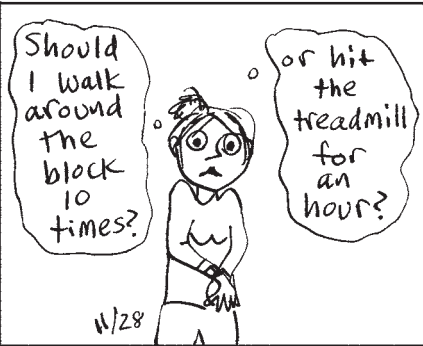
He was ordered to serve five years in prison, minus 170 days that he had served in pre-extradition detention in Spain. Falciani, reached by Skype, said he had "no reaction" and said he had little consideration for the trial in Switzerland. He had previously insisted that he didn't believe he would receive a fair trial in Switzerland. He also reaffirmed his commitment to rooting out illegal banking secre-

cy. "There's no surprise," with the verdict, he said. "Some people don't negotiate on the issue of terrorism. I don't negotiate with financial opacity." HSBC, which argued that he had illegally downloaded details from clients and accounts, welcomed the decision against Falciani, who worked as an information technology specialist at HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA. □

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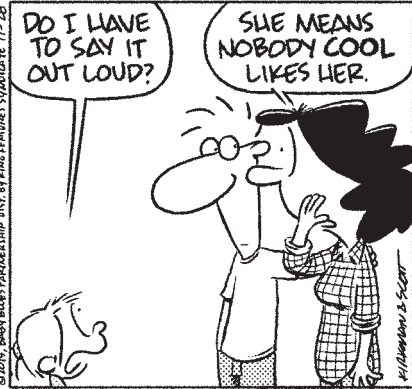
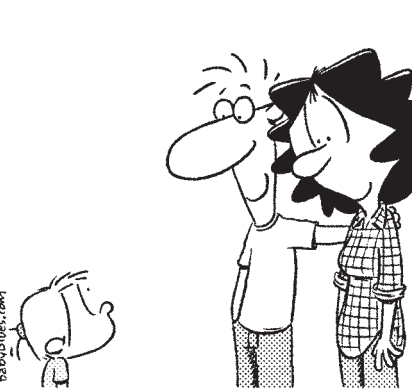
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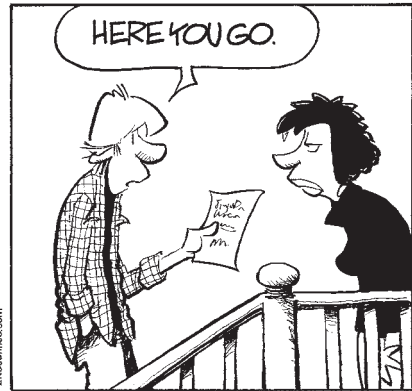
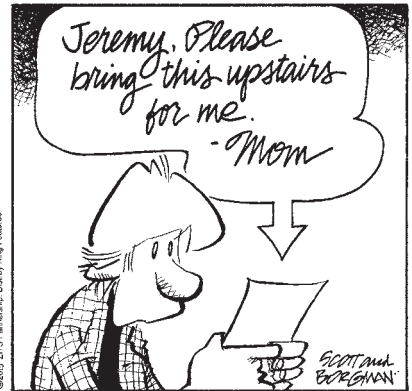
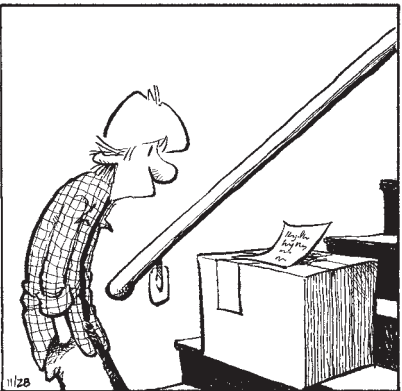
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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9	3	6	8	7	5	4	2	1

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- 1 Beagle or pug
 - 4 Had a bug
 - 9 Poisonous reptiles
 - 13 Gabor and Longoria
 - 15 Operate a car
 - 16 Put on weight
 - 17 No longer sick
 - 18 Scoots over
 - 19 "___ want for Christmas is my two front..."
 - 20 In ___; all prepared
 - 22 Ooze out
 - 23 Lincoln & Ford
 - 24 Curvy letter
 - 26 Sound from a henhouse
 - 29 Wedlock
 - 34 Narrow street
 - 35 Sprinkles at the table
 - 36 Steal from
 - 37 Timely benefit
 - 38 Is unsuccessful
 - 39 Short note
 - 40 Traveler's stop
 - 41 Discovers
 - 42 ___ closet; place for tablecloths, towels, etc.
 - 43 ___ to say; obviously
 - 45 Prayer beads
 - 46 ___ away; flee
 - 47 Mahogany or balsa
 - 48 As easy as falling ___ log
 - 51 Untrustworthy
 - 56 Tom-tom, e.g.
 - 57 Creek
 - 58 Out of town
 - 60 Plato or Carvey
 - 61 Supermarket
 - 62 Michigan or Superior
 - 63 Soap lather
 - 64 ___ for; desired
 - 65 Mr. Franklin's nickname
- DOWN**
- 1 Morning grass blade moisture
 - 3 Without

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- 38 Evil; cruel
- 39 Pass out cards poorly
- 41 Respiratory ailment
- 42 Fish-eating bird
- 44 Plays
- 45 Cheered
- 47 In what place?
- 48 Likelihood
- 49 German wife
- 50 Bankroll; cover the cost of
- 52 Go ___; enter
- 53 Pig's dinner
- 54 Use a mop
- 55 Seize
- 59 Japan's dollar



Romani Berlekov, a homeless artist, paints a landscape of a beach on the Connecticut coast from a cell phone image at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Boston.
(AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

Art program gives Boston's homeless a place to create

MARK PRATT
Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In an elegant church in one of Boston's most chic shopping districts, homeless people from across the city gather once a week to express themselves in ways not possible when living on the streets.

As winter approaches, attendance at Common Art increases, and as many as 100 homeless and low-income people paint, draw, knit, sew, make jewelry or engage in other crafts that allow them to boost their self-esteem and make a little cash.

Chris Haubrich started coming to Common Art about 10 years ago when he was homeless and still comes regularly even though he now has an apartment.

"This is the place that saved me," Haubrich said, dabbing at a colorful painting

of a parrot. "This is my safety net."

"I was a kid who grew up being told I couldn't do anything," he said. "I had no patience, and this has brought out my patience, given me focus."

Common Art was founded in 1996 when a homeless person told a local pastor that he wanted a place to be creative, said Amanda Grant-Rose, executive director of Common Cathedral, the nondenominational ministry that oversees the program.

"This is an opportunity to escape from their day," she said. "This is an opportunity for self-expression, and it's an opportunity for income." The art is sold on the sidewalk outside the church, and every Sunday some participants travel to Boston-area churches to sell their work. Pieces can go for a few dollars to \$50 or more. □

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South Africa moves closer to legal trade in rhino horns

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

A South African court on Thursday opened the way to allowing local trade in rhino horns, alarming some conservationists who warned the ruling leaves rhinos even more vulnerable to poachers who are slaughtering them in record numbers. South Africa's environment ministry said it will appeal a judge's decision in Pretoria to rescind a nearly 7-year-old moratorium on the domestic trade in rhino horns, meaning the ban is likely to stay in place pending the outcome of that appeal.

The ruling by Judge Francis Legodi in the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria stirred an often acrimonious debate between those who say legalization will spur poaching in South Africa, and rhino breeders and others who believe a regulated trade that allows the sale of horn stockpiles and the harvesting of horns from living rhinos will undercut poaching.

Legodi said the South African government had failed to properly consult the public before imposing the moratorium in 2009 and also questioned its effectiveness, noting that rhino poaching surged to record levels after the ban. "What disastrous implications would be brought about by the immediate lifting of the moratorium? I cannot think of any," Legodi said in a 39-page ruling. He cited statistics showing the number of rhinos poached in 2008, before the ban, was just



In this file photo taken Thursday, Nov. 20, 2014 a darted rhino is blind-folded before being grounded for skin and blood samples to be taken, and microchipped, near Skukuza, South Africa, before being transported by truck to an area hopefully safe from poachers in a bid to cut down on the numbers killed by poachers.

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below 100, compared to about 1,200 last year.

Also Thursday, the environment ministry reported the arrests of 12 people, including three police officers, for alleged rhino poaching.

South Africa is home to an estimated 22,000 rhinos, more than 80 per cent of the global rhino population. Poaching syndicates have increasingly targeted rhinos to meet rising demand for their horns in parts of Asia, particularly Vietnam. Consumers believe rhino horn, which is ground into powder, has medicinal benefits, but there is no scientific evidence to support the belief. The horn is made of keratin, a protein also found in human finger-

nails.

Two South African rhino owners took the South African government to court seeking to overturn a moratorium on the domestic trade in rhino horn imposed in 2009. One of them, John Hume, has four metric tons (4,000 kilograms) of legally obtained rhino horn and his investment in rhinos and their horns is worth tens of millions of dollars, according to court documents. Pelham Jones of the Private Rhino Owners Association welcomed Thursday's ruling. He said a regulated trade would "take away a lot of the exclusive status of the product" even if it doesn't shut down the illegal market entirely. He added that

legal sellers could funnel proceeds back into conservation.

"This is not about making money," Jones said. "This is about trying to save an iconic species."

Allison Thomson, founder of an anti-poaching group in South Africa, said she was bitterly disappointed by the ruling.

"South Africa does not have a market for rhino horn domestically and the opening of trade locally will only lead to the smuggling of rhino horn by criminal syndicates into the black market in Vietnam and China," Thomson wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

Another conservation group, the International Fund for Animal Welfare,

said the push for a legal trade in South Africa was part of a wider campaign to legalize an international market.

An international ban on the rhino horn trade has been in place since 1977. South Africa has proposed that the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which oversees the trade of wild animals and plants, discuss lifting the ban at its next meeting in Johannesburg in September 2016.

South Africa's environment ministry said a government permit would be required for any domestic trade in rhino horn in the event that there is no ban. □

Singer-songwriter Lera Lynn breaks out from 'True Detective'

KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Singer songwriter Lera Lynn looks nothing like the character she played on season two of HBO's crime noir series, "True Detective," who sang woeful drug ballads in a seedy dive bar. Lynn said the main actors Vince Vaughn and Colin Farrell probably never caught a glimpse of her on set without her makeup on, which included track marks and bruises on her arms, dark circles under her eyes, oily hair and yellow teeth. "I looked a lot worse in person than on camera, thankfully," said Lynn in her home studio in Nashville, Tennessee. "I did tell Colin and Vince once, 'Just so you know, I am a healthy regular person.'"

Lynn was selected by producer and composer T. Bone Burnett to help write and sing the songs that set the mood for the

dark critically acclaimed series. But Burnett and the show's creator Nic Pizzolatto couldn't tell her much about the plot when she started working on the show, other than they wanted "narco-ballads," Lynn said. Grammy-winning singer Rosanne Cash also helped write songs for the show as well, including the haunting "My Least Favorite Life."

"It was interesting trying to create a character for the show whose function I was completely oblivious to," Lynn said.

But now that the show is over, Lynn has returned her focus on working on her next album and touring in the United States and overseas. Lynn's last album, "The Avenues," released in 2014, is a mix of Americana and country and her voice has a heavenly whisper that invokes comparisons to Joy Williams of The Civil Wars. Her next album, produced



In this Oct. 22, 2015 image taken from video, singer Lera Lynn appears during an interview in Nashville, Tenn.

Associated Press

by Joshua Grange, is due out early next year. "I think there are definitely aspects of the 'True Detective' style that run through my music," Lynn said. "It's just a sliver of what I do. T. Bone saw that somewhere and I think

that's why he invited me to write and play on the show." She's thankful for the extra attention she's gotten from appearing on the show and said adding the songs from the television series to her set list has also added

a dramatic element to the live show. "I throw them in where people least expect it," Lynn said. "It's a neat part of the show, I think. It just brings everything way down for a minute. And then we just rock out." □

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Musical 'The Bridges of Madison County' hits the road

MARK KENNEDY
 AP Drama Writer
 NEW YORK (AP) — On tour this winter is a Broadway musical about the one that got away, in more ways than one. "The Bridges of Madison County," with a superb score by Jason Robert Brown, starts an eight-month U.S. tour on Saturday that features both a story about a lost soul mate

and a chance at musical redemption. The Broadway show that sparked it — starring Kelli O'Hara and Steven Pasquale — closed after just 137 performances in 2014 but the show's staging and Brown's Tony Award-winning songs get another chance to soar. "I'm very grateful that these audiences around the country will get a much more direct experience of

the piece," Brown said. "To be able to really say, 'This is the way we meant the show to be' is really gratifying." The musical is about a four-day love affair in 1965 between a world-weary photographer on assignment to shoot a series of covered bridges in Iowa, and an Italian-American housewife. It's based on the Robert James Waller novel, which was made into a 1995 movie starring Meryl Streep and Clint Eastwood.

The touring version kicks off — appropriately — in Iowa on Saturday at the Des Moines Civic Center and then travels to California, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Minnesota, South Carolina and Washington, D.C.

It stars Elizabeth Stanley, who was last on Broadway as a repressed anthropologist in the revival of "On the Town" and Andrew Samonsky, who was in the recent Broadway revival of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." "When the auditions came up, it was one of the few times where I allowed myself to want a job," said Samonsky, from Ventura,



In this Nov. 18, 2015 photo, Elizabeth Stanley and Andrew Samonsky pose for a photo in New York. Associated Press

California. "I think those simple, honest musicals really speak to me. I mean, I love a big, fancy song-and-dance show, too, but when you can do a musical like this, it's really special."

For Stanley, the tour will be a kind of homecoming: She was born and raised in Iowa until moving at age 10. She's also looking forward to seeing friends at stops in Nashville, Tennessee, and Houston, Texas, as well as playing The Fabulous Fox in St. Louis, the closest stop to her parents now in Camp Point, Illinois. Like Samonsky, Stanley saw "The Bridges of Madison County" when it was on Broadway and both were

fans of Brown's music after hearing his mid-1990s abstract musical "Songs for a New World." (Says Samonsky: "I can definitely geek out being in this show.") Brown, who will be conducting the shows in Des Moines, at Los Angeles' Ahmanson Theatre and at the Kennedy Center, said the whole touring cast impressed him with their ability to get genuine and personal.

"No one was going to get into this tour who was not able to draw from the ground, pull something from inside of them. It's a really committed cast, which is important. It's a show that asks for a lot of emotional connection." □

Harry Potter author takes to twitter to talk about Snape

BY DANICA KIRKA
ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON (AP) -- Harry Potter readers have long wanted to know: Why did the boy wizard choose to honor Severus Snape - a teacher who had been so mean to him?

Author JK Rowling took to Twitter to answer the enduring question on Friday in an exchange with a fan who asked why one of Harry's children received the middle name of Severus.

The acclaimed author explained that Harry paid tribute to Snape because of "forgiveness and gratitude." Though Snape bullied Harry, he also saved

him. "Harry hoped in his heart that he too would be forgiven. The deaths at the Battle of Hogwarts would haunt Harry forever." Rowling said that while a whole essay could be written on why Harry gave his son Snape's name, it goes to the "heart of who Harry was, post-war." Rowling's seven Harry Potter novels have sold more than 450 million copies and been made into eight films. Readers eagerly seek clues about her thinking behind the character. "Snape is all grey. You can't make him a saint: he was vindictive & bullying. You can't make him a

devil: he died to save the wizarding world," Rowling tweeted. The question of Snape has dogged readers in part because he returned to side of the villain, Lord Voldemort, and killed Harry's hero, headmaster Albus Dumbledore, in one of the later books in the series, "The Half Blood Prince." In the final book, "The Deathly Hallows," Rowling reveals that Snape was acting on Dumbledore's orders and had protected Harry at school out of love for Harry's mother, Lily. "Snape died for Harry out of love for Lily," Rowling said. □



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Gaiman returns to comics with 'Sandman: Overture'

JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

Neil Gaiman is one of the world's beloved writers and could probably work on any project he wants. And what he wanted to do is go back to his roots in the comic book world.

That's how Gaiman ended up writing "The Sandman: Overture," for DC Entertainment's Vertigo. It was recently released as part of a deluxe edition.

"The idea of celebrating the 25th anniversary of 'Sandman' with a comic was just too good to miss," Gaiman said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The deluxe edition includes a prequel to the original series, showing what happened to the magical lead character Morpheus, who controls all dreams, before "The Sandman" #1. Gaiman said he hopes the re-release will make longtime fans examine the 75-issue run with new eyes. "(It) would actually make a re-read of the entire Sandman (series) more interesting," Gaiman said.

In the time since the British-born author wrapped up the original run of "The Sandman," Gaiman has collected Newbery and



This photo provided by DC Entertainment shows a two page spread from Vertigo's "The Sandman: Overture Deluxe Edition," written by Neil Gaiman with art by J.H. Williams III.

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Carnegie medals, Oscar and Golden Globe nominations, Hugo and Nebula awards, as well as acclaim by the "Dictionary of Literary Biography," which called him one of the top 10 living post-modern writers. Meanwhile, he's branched out into novels, films, poetry and audio works.

But if it was up to him, Gaiman, whose other books include "Coraline" and "American Gods," said he would have been writing more comic books. "For me it's all storytell-

ing," Gaiman said. "If there were a thousand hours in the day, if I had several bodies and all the time I wanted, I would have kept on writing comics as much as I write novels, as

much as I write television, as much as I write poems or plays, as much as I write movie screenplays. I would be doing all of them. As it is, it's more about time."

Gaiman, who started out as a journalist and author before entering the comic book world, helped usher in a new, more adult world into the industry with his stories about Morpheus, the series' gloomy central character. The work stood out for its quality writing and adult themes rather than superheroes in costumes. Gaiman is working with actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt for a movie adaptation. Looking back, Gaiman said he felt alone when he started, but since then the comics industry has diversified beyond just male-centered superhero fantasies aimed at children.

"What I love now is that there are so many other kinds of comics out there," he said. "'Sandman' was unique. I'm not sure that you could point to it on the shelves as being unique anymore, and I think that's a really good thing." □

Eagles settle lawsuit over New York man's concert footage

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — Don Henley and Glen Frey of the Eagles have settled a federal lawsuit against a New York man they accused of peddling bootleg recordings of their concerts.

The Daily News reports that the pair's lawsuit against Bill Shelley has been settled with a permanent injunction barring him from showing any recordings of the group.

Henley and Frey sent a cease-and-desist letter when they learned the Avon Theater in Connecticut was advertising an October 2014 show called "Legends of Rock Live: The Eagles: 1976 Tour" with concert footage from Shelley's film vault.

Shelley's lawyer tells the Daily News that Shelley canceled the show and the band members sued him anyway.

But both sides apparently decided to take it easy and settle the lawsuit. Monetary terms were not disclosed. □

Rocker Jack White's Third Man Records store opens in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Rocker Jack White has opened a Third Man Records store in his hometown, the Motor City.

The Grammy-nominated White — the singer, guitarist, drummer and producer who rose to acclaim in the duo The White Stripes — was on hand Friday for the satellite location's grand opening just north of downtown Detroit. Hundreds flocked to the store, which next year plans to launch a vinyl record pressing plant. The shop opened with vinyl reissues from Tamla Records, including releases by Marvin Gaye, the Supremes and Miracles.

White founded Third Man in Detroit in 2001. He left Detroit for Nashville, Tennessee, where Third Man is based.

White and Shinola, a De-



Hundreds of fans waited in the rain for their chance to attend the grand opening festivities at Third Man Records in Detroit on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015.

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troit-based business that makes watches and other goods, jointly announced plans in June to buy the building housing Shinola. The neighborhood, once considered part of Detroit's Cass Corridor, had been

a mixture of aging houses and run-down buildings. But many of the crumbling structures have been torn down. To the north is Detroit's strong Midtown neighborhood. □

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